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taken place, when a telephone operator broke in to apologize for her child having called me. She said her daughter often took advantage of her temporary absence from the switchboard to telephone people at random.

September 10, 1962 - Monday

A quiet day at the office. I lunched with Ian Fleming at Bucks. He said his books had now passed a circulation of ten million, excluding sales outside of the US and the UK. Due to his liability ^{for} income taxes, he has made little money out of this phenomenal ~~success~~ ^{success}. He has written an afterword to the book on Bill Stephenson, to which I contributed the foreword. It is shortly to appear. He saw ~~Bill~~ Bill recently in New York, and found him pleased with the idea of this biography. Ian feels, as I do, that it is a dull presentation of what might have been a fascinating subject. He saw Gaitskell yesterday, and considers the stand taken by him dangerous from the standpoint of the UK entering the Common Market. I had a talk about this, this afternoon, with Joe Greenwald and others. The current Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference will not, I feel, be the determining factor in this situation. The decline in the fortunes of the Conservative Party may tempt the leaders of Labour to try to force a general election. It is too early, however, to form a sensible judgment on what the outcome of the negotiations will be.

Meanwhile, General de Gaulle has been touring Germany, meeting with a tremendous popular success. It is almost miraculous he escaped assassination there, but he is now safe for the moment in Paris. My eccentric old friend, Bidault, has been picked up in Italy and shooed away to an unknown destination. He has always lacked political judgment. Soustelle is also wandering around Europe like a Flying Dutchman in search of a safe harbour.

Dr. Soblen is still unconscious from his overdose of barbiturates. He is now having convulsions. It may be his brain will be impaired.

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"Over the past thirteen years, I have attended many meetings of Fulbright Scholars. Each time, I am impressed anew by the value and potentialities of this enterprise.

During that period, almost 10,000 scholars and students have been exchanged under the United Kingdom program alone.

It is difficult, perhaps impossible, to assess the influences on cultural and political life in our two countries resulting from such activities. This largely depends, of course, on the character, abilities, and conscientiousness of the personnel chosen to receive these awards.

I shall not bore you with a paternal discourse on your duties and obligations. I am sure you recognize how imperative it is for you to deserve the confidence placed in you, and to remember that you are guests in a country not your own.

Beyond that, I envy you the opportunities for personal enjoyment and satisfaction that you will find everywhere presented in this enchanting island."

Professor Robert Wætzzel came to see me this afternoon. I ~~met~~^{knew} him in Bonn, when he was a student there. He is now a full professor at New York University and at Fordham University. As an expert on the law of outer space, he is now on his way to Varna, in Bulgaria, to attend an international meeting there. During his trip to Moscow last year, he came to know some of the Russian notables in this field.

He thinks it important for us, if possible, to reach the moon before the Soviets do, and plant a colony there; otherwise, he believes if the Soviets are successful before us, they will lay claim to the moon, with whatever military consequences might follow.

Born in China, he is an accomplished linguist, and a brilliant, attractive fellow. He expects to abandon his present profession, and take a two-year novitiate in one of the Jesuit Order training schools in England, commencing in September 1963.

I went to see Lord Home at the Foreign Office this evening. He looked relaxed and fit. In spite of the bad weather, he said the grouse shooting at Douglass had been a great success. In twelve days they ~~had~~ killed about 1600 brace of grouse.

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